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A MESSAGE FROM

PRESIDENT GRANT:

Another year and a time to reflect. They say time flies and I can't disagree with that. It seems like just yesterday we were celebrating the new millennium.

Numismatically it's been a great year! The 50 statehood quarter program continues to provide interest with the addition of five new issues this year. The Sacagawea dollar made its debut, and if you were very, very lucky, you found a Sac dollar in your change. The redesigned $5 and $10 Federal Reserve Notes, series 1999 were released in May. The BEP sold prosperity notes at the Long Beach Expo and 3000 of the $3.95 notes were sold out in four days. The serial number of the prosperity notes begin with four eights and the BEP seal appeared on the holder not the bill. The US Mint continues to strike Commemorative Coins, proof sets, uncirculated sets and jewelry just to mention a few.

CSNA had two successful shows, the Modesto gathering in February and the Golden State Coin Show in August. Both shows were profitable. The CSNA Symposium in Fullerton was another great happening. And now we have an Educational Symposium in the north. As I am writing this message prior to the event, I can only speculate a successful symposium and I hope all of you supported by attending. Many. many thanks to all those who spent many hours putting the shows together.

Our good friend, Helen Carmody-Lebo resigned from her post as ANA Vice-President due to ill health. John Wilson of Florida was selected to complete her term. Jay Johnson became the new U S Mint Director. In more local news, Governor Gray Davis signed legislation giving out of state dealers up to 15 days to do business in California while generating up to $100,000 in net income without being taxed. This is good news, for it opens the door for more out of state dealers to come to California.

Numismatic Ambassador Awards were given to Lee H Gong, Michael M Stanley and to CSNA Past President, Phil Iversen. All deserving individuals! Congratulations to all!

Finally, I want to thank the nominating committee of Tom Fitzgerald, Freddie Grant and Michael Stanley for their hard work in coming up with a great selection of nominees for CSNA officers and board for 2001-2002.

All in all its been a terrific year and term of office! So long . . . . . Bill

REPORT ON THE FIRST ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM IN THE NORTH

By Ruth Phillips and Theresa Lund

The First Annual Northern California CSNA Symposium was held in the Alumni House of the University of California in Berkeley and hosted by the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society. Attendance was light because of an unfortunate conflict with the Sacramento Coin Show, but those 30 who attended were treated to a day of unequaled numismatic enjoyment. Each presentation was immediately followed by a question and answer period while the presentation was still fresh in one's mind.

Back , l to r, Wendell Wolka, Donald Kagin, II Robert Campbell and Stephen Huston in the front

The first speaker was Stephen Huston of San Francisco, past President of PCNS, a former Vice President of CSNA, and a classical numismatic dealer specializing in ancient and medieval coinage. He is the author of numerous articles in his area of expertise.

His topic "Ancient Egyptian Numismatics: Political Scoundrels and Civil War" chronicled Ptolemaic Egyptian succession and related bronze coins from each period. Huston described some of the cultural differences between Greek Alexandria and the natives in the rest of Egypt. His related slide program pointed out the many pattern idiosyncrasies that the ancient coin collector faces in his search for the material relating to each ruler in Egyptian history. Attendees learned that ignorance and misinformation abounds, that there are many hundreds of varieties and that only a few specialists pay any attention to the coins. Huston advanced some new theories on this topic that

will be published in the near future. He successfully reduced a complex subject to interesting and informative levels that even the novice numismatist could understand and enjoy. It was a superb presentation from beginning to end. Stephen concluded his presentation with the statement that "it's a very complicated but rewarding series with discoveries still being made by the average collector."

The second speaker in the morning session was H Robert Campbell , the current President of the ANA and a Salt Lake City, Utah coin dealer. Campbell is a specialist in his topic "Mormon Gold" having researched these elusive gold coins for many years. After gold was discovered on the American River in California, members of the Mormon Battalion returned to Salt Lake City with gold . Nuggets and dust were difficult to handle as money, so the gold was melted down and crude coins were made. The Mormons first produced dies to make the $10 gold piece and struck some 46 pieces in December 1848 before their crucibles broke. Later they made other pieces and in other denominations. Very few of these coins remain today as most were spent once and then melted down. Those that remain are very collectible and desirable, worth many thousands of dollars. Some Jubilee tokens were struck in 1897 as souvenir pieces.

Calling it "history in your hands". Bob passed around gold nuggets and four pieces of Mormon gold worth more than $200,000. He also had some samples of commemorative restrikes that are available today.

Reverse

When we broke for a box lunch at noon, we gathered around a huge Board Meeting table where informal conversations continued on the topics that had been presented at the morning session. What a great experience!

After the lunch break, ANA President Campbell asked to introduce the third speaker, Dr Donald Kagin of Sausalito. Before he did so, however, he presented the coveted ANA Presidents Award to him in a surprise ceremony. Bob and Don have been friends for years so it was a very emotional presentation for both men. (left,Campbell and right, Kagin)

Dr Kagin spoke in March at the Southern California Symposium about his efforts with the City of San Francisco to preserve the old Mint. He holds a doctorate degree in numismatics and is well known for his research on US Gold coins, The topic he chose to speak on at this symposium was his doctorate thesis. Discussing "The Treasury Notes of the War of 1812: Our Nations First Circulating Currency", he told of the desperate need of the government to obtain funds to finance itself and the many innovative methods they used to accomplish their goal. There are 75 notes of all denominations known today, held in museums and private collections. Kagin showed many examples and described how they were presented to the public who bought them. Attendees learned that there were numerous paper currency and notes, that they were not viewed "as good as gold or silver" and that officials were paid 1 1/4c to sign each note. It was a very enlightening subject on the early problems our emerging country faced and how they solved their monetary problems.

The last speaker of the day, was Wendell Wolka of Dublin Ohio, Vice President of the Society of Paper Money Collectors and an authority on obsolete currency and broken bank notes of early US history. Wolka, known as "Rag Man" was the "clean up" speaker, and he kept every one in stitches with his glib repertoire of anecdotes relating to his topic "Dysfunctional Commerce—1850s Style". Asking his audience to imagine themselves to be a merchant during this period at the mercy of every type of counterfeiter of printed currency. Wolka said not only did banks print their own currency but other companies like railroads and land companies did too. Some we

solvent and others were not, so it was up to the discretion of the merchant if he would accept the paper in payment for merchandise or not. Some currency was out and out "bogus paper" and it was interesting that the companies who printed the currency required their payment in gold. Other businesses grew up around the paper money such as newspapers purporting to list what issuers were good and which were not. However, in many instances the reporters were paid to list erroneous information. Another area the merchant had to contend with, was the exchange broker. Since people accepted paper they knew about, usually that issued within a fifteen mile radius of the merchant, exchange brokers gathered up notes and redeemed them taking a cut each time they did so. These original "carpet baggers" did a booming business! Wendell had slides of the genuine bills and fakes and had us determine whether we thought they were genuine. He pointed out what to look for on the fakes, some obvious and others very cleverly duplicated. His teaching methods were hilarious but very effective. We learned that a merchant in those days would rather accept a counterfeit on a good bank than a good note on an unknown bank. The logic was that they could always "pass the note along"!

CSNA is indebted to the officers and members of PCNS for all the hard work they put into making this symposium a success. President Michael Wehner served as Master of Ceremonies with great dignity and was thanked by CSNA Vice President Ruth Phillips , on behalf of President Bill Grant who was not able to attend. Michael presented medals of appreciation to the speakers for a job well down.

Members of host club, the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society (PCNS)

THROUGH THE NUMISMATIC GLASS: US COINS COMMEMORATING THE OLYMPICS

By Dr THOMAS F FITZGERALD

The champions have been acclaimed and the medals awarded. The races and competitions are ended even while the drug testing continued to play a major role in the games. The Olympic torch has been extinguished and the closing ceremonies were spectacular. Everyone seemed pleased with the 2000 Olympic Summer Games held in Australia and the focus is now on the 2002 Winter Games scheduled for Salt Lake City, Utah.

What would it be like, these days, to hold Olympic games without commemorative coins? Many of these coins were never minted to circulate, while a few found their way into the nation's commerce. Olympic commemorative coins have become an industry unto themselves. Traditionally commemorative coins have served a number of purposes and celebrated a wide range of events and anniversaries, it is difficult to determine the exact catalyst for the plethora of the Olympic commemorative coins now seen entering the market place. In fact, one could make an argument that the modern Olympic games are the most frequently commemorated events with coinage.

The first special commemorative coins issued for the modern Olympics were struck for the XV Olympic Games held in Helsinki, Finland in 1952. In honor of that event, the Finish Mint struck silver 500-markkaa coins meant to circulate with Finland's regular coinage. The program proved so successful, that a flood of coins soon followed to commemorate (and raise money), for each and every summer and winter Olympic Game since that time.

To celebrate the most recent Sidney Olympic Games, the Perth Mint, the Royal Australian Mint and the Sidney Olympic Games Organizing Committee issued a 52-coin program beginning in October, 1997 with a final series released this year. Eight gold coins, 16 silver coins and 28 bronze coins comprised the full program.

United States Olympic Coins

Although the United States did not issue any special coins for the recent Sidney, Australia games, (a bill to do so failed to pass congress), this has not

been true of earlier events. In fact, no single theme has been the subject of more United States Commemorative coins than has the Olympic games. Four separate coinage programs have raised more than $131.7 million in surcharges. Many believe these funds have been generated primarily from the numismatic hobby and feel this is an unfair burden for coin collectors to carry.

Two commemorative coin plans were designed to raise funds to train athletes for participation in games held outside the United States. Two of the programs have involved the production of commemorative coins when the United States was the host country for the 1984 and 1996 Summer Olympic Games. One of these issues, 1996, carries the dubious honor of being the most extensive commemorative coin program in our nation's history. The result is, with the first such coinage dated 1983-84, mintages have skyrocketed and sales have plummeted.

1984 Summer Olympic games

Silver dollars and gold $10 eagles were produced to raise funds for the 1984 summer games held in Los Angeles, California. Four mints were employed to strike proof and uncirculated offerings. These coins soon followed the George Washington Commemorative half-dollar of 1982, the first U S commemorative coin since 1954. Representative Frank Annunzio, D-Ill, chairman of the House Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs and Coinage authored a successful bill calling for a three-design, six coin program that was signed into law by President Reagan. Uncirculated silver dollars dated 1983 (designed by Elizabeth Jones) and 1984 (designed by Robert Graham) were minted carrying the mintmarks "D" (Denver Mint) and "P" (Philadelphia) and "S" (San Francisco Assay Office). Note: the facility at San Francisco did not regain full mint status (lost in 1962) until March 31, 1988. Proof silver dollars for both years were also struck at the San Francisco facility with an "S" mintmark.

The $10 gold eagles, designed by James Peed and John Mercanti, were minted only in 1984 with proofs produced at the Denver, Philadelphia, San Francisco and West Point mints with their respective mintmarks. The facility at West Point also struck uncirculated $10 gold coins bearing the "W" mintmark. Although Representative Annunzio's bill called for a six coin program, the production of proof coins from all four facilities created a 13-coin program for collectors who desired to have one coin in uncirculated and proof condition from every mint that produced them. This increase, although legal because treasury officials authorized it, certainly wasn't what Representative Annunzio had in mind.

Although the legislation provided for 2 million gold coins and 50 million silver dollars, the sale's results fell far below these figures. There were 4,472,110 silver dollars sold and 573,364 gold coins sold with the surcharges divided equally between the U S Olympic Committee and the Los Angeles Organizing Committee.

1988 Olympic games

Four years after the United States produced its first Olympic commemorative coins, a second series was authorized. However, this time the nation was not hosting the games. The 1988 summer Olympic games took place in South Korea and the winter events were scheduled for Calgary, Canada. The 1988 legislation called for 1 million proof and uncirculated $5 gold half eagles and 10 million silver dollars. Sales of the silver dollars, designed by Patricia L Verani and Sheri J Winter, totaled 191,368 uncirculated coins with the "D" mintmark and 1,359,366 1988S proof dollars. The facility at West Point produced all of the gold half eagles with the obverse designed by Elizabeth Jones and the reverse completed by Marcel Jovine. Some critics claimed this half eagle was among the finest of all United States commemorative coins. As a result of the popularity of this issue, the gold coin was sold out during the pre-sale ordering period. A total of 62,913 uncirculated and 281,465 proof 1988 half eagles were sold. A total of $22,909,764 in surcharges to benefit the nation's program was turned over to the USOC.

1992 Olympic games

The United States' third Olympic coin program, like the second reported above, was authorized even though the games were held outside the country. The 1992 summer games took place in Barcelona, Spain and the winter events were held in Albertville, France.

The silver dollar was the most interesting, encompassing several firsts for this series. The proof and uncirculated designs of the dollar, engraved by John Deechen and Marcel Jovine, bear a baseball pitcher many believe to be taken from a baseball card depicting Nolan Ryan. This was the first US coin to commemorate the most "American sport", baseball. The uncirculated 1992D dollars, struck at the Denver Mint, also included edge lettering, which had not been seen on any American coin since the 1933 double eagle. The coin includes both incused edge lettering and reeding. The edge lettering reads: "XXV OLYMPIAD".

The 1992 legislation was for a three coin program. The authorization was for up to 500,000 $5 half eagles, (designed by Jim Sharpe and James Peed), 4 million silver dollars and 6 million copper-nickel clad half dollars designed by William Cousins and Steven Bieda. The sales, far from reaching expectations,

were: 105,045 half eagles, 692,057 silver dollars and 681,252 half dollars with $9,202,206 in surcharges going to the USOC.

1996 Summer Olympic games

The 1995-1996 legislation authorizing commemorative coins for the games scheduled in Atlanta, Georgia, nearly killed the United States commemorative coins program. As a result, there was a demand for reform in Congress by limiting mintages and efforts to eliminate the abuse of the system, such as creating additional mint marked coins. The 1996 Olympic commemorative coin program was the largest United States commemorative program in history. When passed in 1992, the legislation authorizing the 1996 program included a separate title, "The Mint Reform Act of 1992". This Act established the "Citizens Commemorative Coin Advisory Committee" to advise Congress on commemorative coin matters.

The 1996 Olympic coin program provided up to 16 issues with proof and uncirculated versions bringing the total, for a complete set, of 32 coins. As adopted, the bill authorized up to 17.95 million coins over the duration of the two years (1995-96). As sales languished, Congress took steps to trim millions off of the authorized production figures with a final figure of no more than 13 million coins. Very low sales figures resulted in low mintage figures with the result that some issues are among the lowest mintages of any United States commemorative coins.

In brief, the program called for the following issues:

Date/Mint	Denomination	Design	Designer	No. Sold
1995S Unc 1995S Proof	Clad Half Dollar	Basketball	Clint Hansen & T James Ferrell	169,527 170,733
1995S Unc 1995S Proof	Clad Half Dollar	Baseball	Edgar Z Steever & T James Ferrell	164,759 119,396
1995D Unc 1995S Proof	Silver Dollar	Gymnastics	Jim Sharpe & William Krawczewicz	43,003 185,158
1995D Unc 1995S Proof	Silver Dollar	Cycling	John Mercanti & William Krawczewicz	20,122 127,465
1995D Unc 1995S Proof	Silver Dollar	Track & Field	John Mercanti & William Krawczewicz	25,425 143,304
1995D Unc 1995S Proof	Silver Dollar	Blind Runner	Jim Sharpe & William Krawczewicz	29,015 139,831
1995W Unc 1995W Proof	Gold Half Eagle	Torch Runner	Frank Gasparro	14,817 57,870
1995W Unc 1995W Proof	Gold Half Eagle	Atlanta Stadium	Marcel Jovine & Frank Gasparo	10,710 43,399
1996S Unc 1996S Proof	Clad Half Dollar	Swimming	William Krawczewicz & Malcolm Farley	50,077 114,890
1996S Unc 1996S Proof	Clad Half Dollar	Soccer	Clint Hansen & Malcolm Farley	53,176 123,860
1996D Unc 1996S Proof	Silver Dollar	Tennis	Jim Sharpe & Thomas D Rogers	16,693 93,880
1996D Unc 1996S Proof	Silver Dollar	Rowing	Bart Forbes & Thomas D Rogers	16,921 155,543
1996D Unc 1996S Proof	Silver Dollar	High Jump	Calvin Massey & Thomas D Rogers	16,485 127,173
1996D Unc 1996S Proof	Silver Dollar	Wheelchair Athlete	Jim Sharpe & Thomas D Rogers	15,325 86,352
1996W Unc 1996W Proof	Gold Half Eagle	Olympic Flame	Frank Gasparo & William Krawczwicz	9,453 38,871
1996W Unc 1996W Proof	Gold Half Eagle	Flag Bearer	Patricia L Verani & William Krawczewicz	9,397 33,214

From TheTime Capsule: January 1951 (50 Years Ago)

The members of the Junior Coin Collectors of San Francisco presented a "Coin City" exhibit at the San Francisco Public Library.

2001 Olympic Games in Salt Lake City

On October 24th, HR 3679, a bill authorizing commemorative coins to support the winter games scheduled for Salt Lake City and the programs of the United States Olympic Committee. Just hours earlier, the Senate Resolution 154 thanking the nation's coin collectors for their contributions to benefit various institutions through the purchase of commemorative coins.

The proposal would authorize up to 80,000 gold half eagles and up to 400,000 silver dollars, all with designs emblematic of the Salt Lake City Winter Olympic Games.

YOUTH CORNER

By Michael "Stan" Turrini, Young Numismatist Coordinator

Since my initial first column in the prior issue of CALCOIN NEWS, I have had the privilege and pleasure of exchanges with others who are the "heavy hitters" in Youth Numismatics in California. Their comments and constructive contributions have been quite educating and I commend Lee H Gong of Santa Rosa (The Redwood Empire Coin Club), Cameron Kiefer of Visalia (The Visalia Coin Club) and Dr Walter A Ostromecki, Jr of Encino (ANA National Coordinator). Each of these fine coin hobbyists possess and project an active and avid interest in Youth Numismatics.

It does not take much to know and to observe that the *State Quarters* have been, and will continue to be, a most provocative and enticing new element for our hobby. When the United States Mint advertises on television that "we'll be getting to your State soon"; when the well known retailer Walter Drake sells albums and keepsake Christmas Tree ornaments; and when OfficeMax has albums for sale, then *State Quarters* are HOT1 And they are HOT with KIDS!

Local coin clubs should be offering and distributing free, albums for the *State Quarters* to young people, at their meetings; during their coin shows; and even through local schools. Take a few *State Quarter* albums to a local school and see what happens!

I gave my annual talk on "What is Money" last year at Will C Wood High School in Vacaville, California and ran out of the American Numismatic Association (ANA) Quarter Boards. This year, James and Lisa Laird of Alamo have graciously donated five hundred (500) of these boards, and I expect that these too shall go! (Continued on page 32)

PLAN TO COME TO FRESNO FOR THE 108th CONVENTION!

Your Host Club, THE FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, will be on hand to welcome you all to Fresno and the 108th CSNA Convention and Coin Show. We have been planning a nice show at the Doubletree Hotel in Downtown Fresno with all the show activities under one roof. There is a parking garage under the hotel, so if it should rain, no one will get wet! Parking is free to guests of the hotel and is free to everyone on Saturday and Sunday. There are elevators in the underground-parking garage that will deposit you directly to the second floor of the hotel where the entire show will be housed.

The Doubletree Hotel has given us a $72 room rate, single or double, so be sure to stay at the hotel. They have excellent restaurants and the food is moderately priced. Get your reservations in early to ensure this special room rate. A hotel reservation form is enclosed for your convenience. The convention rooms are charged to us on a sliding scale; the more sleeping rooms we occupy, the less we pay for the convention space.

The theme of the show is "EARLY US CURRENCY". The Convention Medal, forums and programs will all be around this theme. An exhibit form is also enclosed for your convenience, but if you need more, contact the Exhibit Chairman, Dennis Neudek. There will be a special Exhibit Category for those of you wish to exhibit theme material.

The CSNA Educational Forum, the California Exonumist Society and the Society of Paper Money Collectors will all meet on Saturday. Plan to attend these programs and meetings; I'm sure you will enjoy them.

The CSNA Awards Banquet will also be held at the Doubletree Hotel. We are planning a sitdown dinner for a reasonable price. Exhibit Awards will be dispensed at the Banquet and new officers installed, too. FNS member, Ruth Phillips, will be installed as President of CSNA, only the second woman to hold the office in the Association and we are all very proud of her. This is a momentous occasion and we hope you will attend the banquet and cheer her on. Other awards will also be presented at the banquet. You will receive banquet invitations a few weeks before the show so you can reserve space before you come to the show.

FNS Will conduct a gold raffle during the show and have hourly drawings during the show. Send in your hotel reservation form now and your exhibit forms too. In a short time we will all be meeting in Fresno! For additional times and convention activities, see the Program of Events.

Bill Febuary,
General Chairman

CSNA 108th SEMI-ANNUAL CONVENTION AND COIN SHOW FEBRUARY 17-18, 2001

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, February 16, 2001		
4:00PM	Bourse Room (opens to dealers only)	CRYSTAL BALLROOM
7:00PM	Exhibit Room (open for Exhibit set-up)	CRYSTAL BALLROOM
8:00PM	Bourse and Exhibit Room closes	
SATURDAY, February 17, 2001		
8:00AM	Bourse Room opens (dealers only)	CRYSTAL BALLROOM
8:30AM	CSNA Board Meeting	TERRACE ROOM
9:00AM	Exhibit Room opens (exhibitors only)	CRYSTAL BALLROOM
10:00AM	Convention Officially Opens to the Public	CRYSTAL BALLROOM
11:00AM	CSNA Educational Forum Speaker: Ron Coriloni Topic: Large US Currency Moderator: Robert Fitzpatrick	TERRACE ROOM
1:30PM	California Exonumist Society Meeting Speaker: Sara Nordin Topic: Criminal Justice Numismatics Moderator: Virginia Bourke	TERRACE ROOM
3:00PM	Society of Paper Money Collectors Meeting	TERRACE ROOM
6:00PM	Bourse and Exhibit Room closes	
6:30PM	No-Host Cocktails	2ND FLOOR LOBBY
7:00PM	CSNA Awards Banquet	EL DORADO ROOM
SUNDAY, February 18, 2001		
8:00AM	Dealer Appreciation Breakfast	COFFEE SHOP
9:00AM	Bourse Room Opens to Dealers	CRYSTAL BALLROOM
9:30AM	CSNA Board Meeting	HOSPITALITY SUITE
10:00AM	Bourse and Exhibit Room Opens to Public	CRYSTAL BALLROOM
4:00PM	Convention Officially Closes	
5:00PM	Security Ends	

Last minute meeting room changes may be necessary.
Changes will be noted in the Official Convention Program

CONVENTION MEDAL

The Official Convention Medal was designed by General Chairman Bill Febuary. Bill is an enthusiastic collector of US Currency, so it was only natural to choose a design that tied in with the theme of the show which is "Early US Currency". In 1971, Fresno hosted CSNA's 48th Convention and used the vignette from the $1 US Educational note on its medal. It was a beautiful medal of "History Instructing Youth", so he decided to use the $2 Educational Note for this show. See Page 19

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COINS OF THE CRUSADER KINGDOM OF MAJORCA

A Numismatic Legacy of the Holy Wars in Spain

By Stephen M Huston

The Crusades are generally thought of as a series of Wars between the forces of Christianity and Islam in the levant---Byzantine territories and parts of Greece, the middle East, and Egypt---beginning with the First Crusade in 1096, and brought to a conclusion by the conquest of Constantinople by the Turks in 1453. Crusade histories and numismatic texts focus on this era and region as if holy wars were unique to that time and place.

Recent scholarship on the crusades has expanded the definition to include holy wars approved by the Pope as political-religious conflicts between Christian forces and a region which was not Christian (or was suffering from some loathsome heresy) which was to be brought under the control of the faithful by force of arms. The Pope's blessing on the war and the troops was required, and dispensations were approved for the participants. The faithful who died in the fray were assured of heaven.

Spain undertook several crusades which had the goal of restoring or acquiring territories which were occupied by the moors---a Christian label applied to all Moslems, but specifically the followers of Islam inhabiting parts of North Africa and Spain. Our focus will be on the island of Majorca which was taken for and by Spanish forces acting with Papal approval.

La Cruzada in Spain---Before the First Crusade

In 711, Moslem forces attacked Spain, capturing a foothold from the Visigoths, who had succeeded the Roman Empire as controllers of the Region. By the 900s, Islamic outposts had been established around the Mediterranean, and Moslems had become the controlling rulers of much of the North African coast and the Spanish peninsula. Islamic pirates raided the trade routes along the south coast of Europe, and the castles of Islamic leaders controlled areas in Italy, Spain and Provence. The Mediterranean was seen as an Islamic lake. The Moors in Spain were quite capable of crossing the Pyranees against relatively undefended Christian regions of Europe as they had attempted in 732. Europeans were well aware that the Moors had sacked Rome in 846.

Christian forces under local rulers, acting to avert further incursions by the Moors, regained territories in Italy and Provence, but the Caliph Mahomet ibn Abi Amir, known to the Spanish as Almanzor, still held much of the Spanish Peninsula in 980. The following year he captured Zamora from the Christian king of Leon. In 985, Almanzor captured Barcelona and in 996, he sacked Leon itself. His naval forces were strong enough to repel Viking attacks along the Atlantic coast and at the Straits of Gibraltar, controlling the

land on both sides of the straits. Thus he controlled trade while providing some protection to the Mediterranean

One of Almanzor's most destructive acts was the capture and burning of the city of St James at Campostella, which contained the third most holy site for pilgrimages in all of Christendom. Though Almanzor respected the shrine of St James, his devastation of this city in 992 proved it was no longer safe for Christian pilgrims. He was preparing to cross the Pyranees when he died in 1002. Moorish pirates sacked Antibes, Pisa and Narbonne in the next few years.

Ramiro, the Christian king of Aragon, was murdered in 1063 by a Moslem while preparing to attack Moors to drive them southward. Pope Alexander II responded by promising indulgences for all who fought *under the cross* in Spain at that time. A decade later, Pope Gregory VII invited all Christians to join in the defense of Christian Spain. A few years later, he approved the keeping of Islamic lands by those Christians who captured them. With this decree, more knights arrived---land itself was at stake. The legendary efforts of El Cid at this time were significant but limited to Valencia. Toledo was retaken in 1085 by Alfonso VI of Castile, but then the Moors began to regain the upper hand, gradually retaking land until these conflicts subsided about 1101.

Once the pressure was off of the Islamic caliphate in Spain, actions which worried Christian Europe were renewed. The Moorish fleet operating from ports on both sides of the Straits of Gibraltar effectively sealed that route from European traders. Next the territories recently reclaimed by Italian and Spanish forces were again under attack. Pisa had held Majorca briefly in 1115/16, but it was soon retaken by the Moors. The Italian traders, especially the Genoese, used their fleets to challenge Islamic domination of the trade routes, eventually regaining some rights and use of the Straits, but most major ports were left in the hands of the Moors. The boundaries between Christian and Moorish Spain were not much different in 1195 than they had been a century before, with Islam holding most of Spain and controlling trade in the region.

It should be noted that this long series of conflicts which gained Papal support and indulgences for the war against Islam in Spain began decades before the preaching of the First Crusade at Clermont late in 1095, which set off the

crusades in the Levant the following year. Spain had already fought her first holy wars. In fact, our word *Crusade* comes from the Spanish *Cruzada*, which appears in reference to these *Wars of the Cross* in Spanish texts a century before the first crusade to the Holy Land.

The Capture of Majorca

Majorca was held by the Moors in the early 1200s, five centuries after their arrival in the area. The largest of the Balearic Islands (140 miles off the east coast of Spain from Valencia and 100 miles south of Barcelona), Majorca was important for securing trade routes in the region. In 1229, James I, who became known as *The Conqueror*, set out to recapture this region for Aragon. He used his own forces, calling in feudal debts of service from throughout his domains, and a small contingent from the Knights Templar. His success was followed up with his recapturing regions for Castile and securing the Argonese border from Moslem influences. James the Conqueror's successes took many years, capturing Cordoba in 1236 and Valencia in 1238. After he took Seville in 1248, only the region of Granada remained in Islamic hands.

In fact, James the Conqueror was so successful against the Moors, that the Pope pressured him to lead his forces into the Middle East in aid of the Eighth Crusade. He was unsuccessful in that venture.

The Crusader Kingdom of Majorca

The region around Majorca captured by James the Conqueror during his crusade of 1229-1234 was held as a separate state until it was lost to Aragon a century later. At first, James treated it as his own private territory, but it eventually was set up as a state to be inherited by his younger son, James II (1276-1311).

The Islamic population of Majorica was supplanted by Christian settlers. The Moors were gradually driven out of the new kingdom; the last of them to leave were sold into slavery in 1287.

The heirs of James the Conqueror ruled Majorca for only two generations as a crusader state, and that period was troubled. James II was at war with his older brother, Peter III of Aragon, over the inheritance of Majorca for many years. When Peter died, his son Alfonso claimed the region and succeeded in driving out James for several years. Alfonso struck no Majorcan coins during his usurpation, and James II regained control when his royal nephew died. Sancho, the second son of James, inherited Majorca because his older brother had taken holy orders. Sancho had to deal with raids by Barbary pirates during his short tenure. His nephew James III inherited and began heated negotiations with Aragon over the title and claims on his kingdom. He accepted allegiance to Aragon, which incorporated Majorca in 1343, following a period of open warfare between these two states.

During its mere 68 years as a separate crusader kingdom, Majorca produced coinage with designs which reflect the crusading spirit

Majorcan Coinage---1276 to 1334

Coinage used in Majorca under the Moors was of Islamic types, primarily the gold dinar and the silver dirhem issues of the caliphs in Spain and the Middle East. A typical example of this design from Caliph Hisham is shown.

When James captured Majorca, no immediate coinage change was made, although it is probable that Islamic types were supplemented or supplanted by existing coins of the Christian rulers in surrounding regions, much as the population was changed.

Majorca began its own coinage when James II (1276-1311) inherited the new kingdom under his father's will. He introduced distinctive coins of gold, silver, and billion (a low grade silver). . Shown below is an enlarged photo of a billion dobler struck by James II of Majorca.

Gold reales portray the king enthroned full-length on the obverse. The reverse carries a large patriarchal cross as the main design. (On coins where the kings name appears around the cross, the side with the kings name is considered the obverse, however, the coins are usually depicted with the portrait as obverse for uniformity and ease of identification.

Gold Real of James II

Silver 2 Real Silver Real Billon Dobler Billon Diner

The billon diners and doblers (half reales of two diners) carry the same bust as the silver, but the reverses have a plain cross without additional ornamentation.

The pattern of coinage begun by James II was continued by his son and successor, Sancho (1311-1324). Sancho made two changes, the use of stars in place of florettes on the silver (shown on the left), and the introduction of a smaller billon coin, the mallas, a half-diner (shown to right).

James III (1324-1343), the last ruler of Majorca as a separate crusader kingdom, inherited it from Sancho, his cousin. His wars and the loss of parts of his possessions took a toll on his Majorcan issues.

James III issued no gold. A new silver half-real was his high value denomination, the rest being billon---doblers, deniers and mallas. His silver carries the plain cross as the reverse type within a ornate octofoil border. The billon continues to depict a plain cross without embellishment.

James III Silver Half-real

When Majorca was united with the Kingdom of Aragon under Peter IV, he continued coinage for Majorca with its distinctive cross reverse design, and restored larger denominations including gold. However, with Peter's incorporation of the island kingdom into Aragon, the indepndent Majorcan crusader kingdom ceases.

The Sign of the Cross

A cross was used as the reverse design throughout regions ruled by crusader-kings who had captured their lands in holy wars. It provided a daily reminder of the source of the land, the war to acquire it, and the beliefs which inspired their conquests. The use of the cross as a coin design in Spain during this period was not uncommon and in keeping with the crusading movement which had originated in the region. However, most of the regions of Spain were not consistent in the use of a cross on coins, frequently preferring heraldry of the royal house or region, such as the lions and castles of Leon and Castile.

Majorca was unusual in its consistent use of the cross on all coinage during its days as a crusader state, as were contemporary crusader states in the Levant. The distinctive cross designs continued on Majorcan coinage after the state was incorporated into Aragon.

The coinage of the Kingdom of Majorca immediately following the defeat of the Moors is an overlooked part of the crusader coinage. It is a small part of the great mass of coinage issued in the spirit of the crusades by those who fought the holy wars and acquired their lands under the Sign of the Cross.

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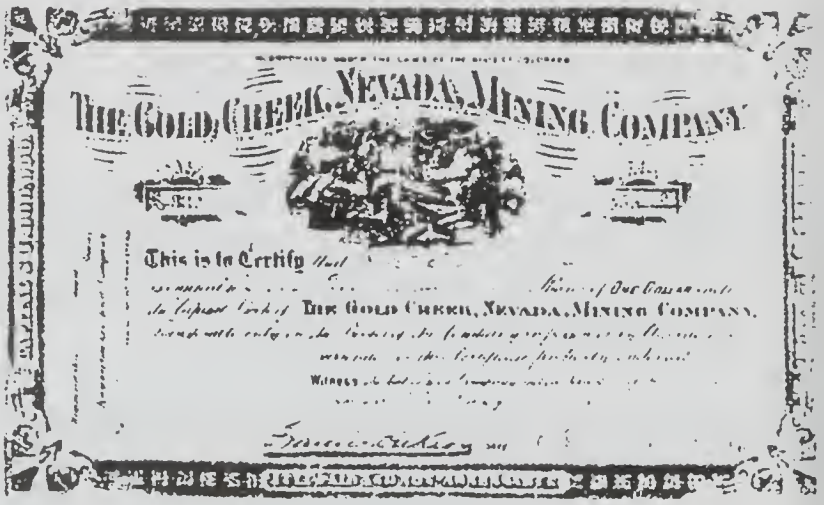
GOLD CREEK, NEVADA

By Virginia Hall, Editor Emeritis

The "Ghost Town" of Gold Creek, Nevada boomed following an 1875 Gold discovery, but was abandoned Within fifteen years. Then another strike in 1895 prompted an even larger rush. The town soon boasted hotels, stores, saloons, a post office, stage line, newspaper and more. Optimists claimed that Gold Creek Would soon be Nevada's largest city, but instead the place only had a population of four in 1910, and all its buildings were removed by 1928. There are only two certificates presently known at this time.



DID YOU KNOW THAT HALF OF THE COUNTRIES WHO USE COINAGE, BUT DO NOT PRODUCE IT THEMSELVES, HAVE IT MINTED IN CANADA?

WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF THE OFFICIAL U S MOTTO "IN GOD WE TRUST"?

"In God We Trust", was designated as the official U S National Motto by Congress in 1956. It originated during the Civil War as an inscription for U S coins, although it was used by Francis Scott Key in a slightly different form when he wrote "The Star Spangled Banner" in 1814.

November 13, 1861, when Union morale had been shaken by battlefield defeats, the Rev M R Watkinson of Ridleyville, PA, wrote to Secretary of the Treasury, Salmon P Chase, "From my heart I have felt our national shame in disowning God as not the least of our present national disasters." He suggested recognition of "Almighty God in some form on our coins".

Chase ordered designs prepared with the inscription "In God WE Trust" and backed coinage legislation which authorized use of this slogan. It first appeared on some U S coins in 1864, disappeared and reappeared on various coins until 1955, when Congress ordered it placed on all paper money & coins.

SECURITY AT THE FIRST U S MINT

By Cameron Kiefer, Visalia. CA

With new error coins appearing weekly and an arrest of a Philadelphia Mint Employee, hobbyists are questioning the tight security procedures at the Philadelphia Mint. But back in 1792, when the first Philadelphia Mint was built, everything was safe and secure.

Much of what we know about the first Mint's security procedures are found in the Mint's rules and regulations of 1792 which were signed by all the Employees. It set up rules for the day and night watchman who were given the task of protecting the mint from embezzlement or robbery.

The day watch lasted from 5:00AM until 6:00PM, when the night watch would come on duty and work till morning. When all employees had left, the "day watch shall carefully close and bolt all doors and shutters, and remain with the dog inside till the night watch takes his place".

Who is this dog you may ask? Well, the first watch dog of the U S Mint was a savage beast named Nero. On January 7, 1793, Henry Voigt, Superintendent and Chief Coiner paid three dollars to have him protect the mint. Employees were not allowed to feed Nero at lunch or at any time to keep him from becoming friendly with an employee.

In addition to the dog, each watchman was armed with a dirk and loaded pistol. "If an attempt is made on the mint, he shall act conformably to his secret instructions." These instructions are still not known today.

The Mint had on hand an arsenal of weapons which were locked in an arms chest in the basement. The chest contained a musket, bayonet, two pistols and a sword which was to be checked once a month by a mint officer.

Mint vaults were stored in the basement of the building. Not much is known about them, but in a book entitled "History of the First United States Mint" by Frank H Stewart, gives a picture of the burglar proof vault before the buildings destruction. It was a vault within a vault that was kept under two separate locks and keys by different mint employees. Surprisingly, it was made from normal brick and mortar that probably would not stand up to any present day thief.

With so much mint security, did anyone try to rob the mint? Stay tuned to a future issue when the author will address each unsuccessful attempt.

COIN COLLECTING THEN AND NOW

By Dr Sol Taylor, Sherman Oaks, CA

Having been a coin collector since 1937, it is apparent that there are significant differences (not only in prices) between how the hobby was pursued then (pre World War II) and now (since the 1990s).

First issue was "How did collectors get their coins?" Back then, collectors such as myself and countless others sorted through change on a daily or regular basis. And when the new coin folders came out in the late 1930s (before then there were coin boards), the challenge was to fill as many holes as possible from change. Living in Brooklyn posed a serious challenge to finding "S" mint coins and for earlier issues "O" mint coins. Even "D" mint coins were found, but probably 80-90% of all coins found were from the Philadelphia mint. And for most of us collectors, the grade was not a major issue---as long as a real specimen was placed in the right hole. The typical young collector (and even adult numismatist) could fill 90-99% of all the holes in the Indian Head cent album through the half dollar series from 1892 to date. No one seemed interested in collecting silver dollars or gold coins (which during those days were pretty much banned). A few serious collectors bought commemorative halves from the issuing agencies in the 1930's. Some older ones such as the Columbian and Stone Mountain actually made their way into circulation. I found a few in change!

Today, to fill album holes, the coins must be bought from dealers or through auctions. Sorting through change will not produce much since all silver coins have been culled out and even wheat back cents are very hard to find in change. The only coins pre-1958 in change are Jefferson Nickels from 1939-1958, except for the wartime nickels of 1942-1945.

Today collectors prefer high grade coins of each type and date preferably slabbed by one of the major certification services. Back then, if a coin were graded "unc" it was the seller's opinion and the actual grade was not an issue. Most catalogues then only listed two kinds of uncirculated—"unc" and "BU",

Back then, coins were checked with a glass of 2x up to 5x power. Today, most collectors carry a loupe with 10x up to 20x or more.

Back then, the important elements were date and mintmark. A few well-known varities were known and sought after, but the vast majority of varities known today were recent discoveries. Today, there are speciality collectors who seek out RPMs (repunched mintmarks), doubled dies, die varities, overdates, and various forms of mint errors.

Back then, most coins were priced for the collector appetite and budget—which meant very low prices. BU 1909S VDB cents were advertised for under a dollar in the 1930s. Trade dollars were $1.10 and $3 gold pieces were $3.50. An AU 1864 small motto 2c was listed in my old copy of Ben's Stamp and Coin Company list from 1940 for $8.50. A 1916 standing liberty quarter in the same list was $3 in fine. There were numerous other examples—a copy of one page from that catalogue appears in the 4th edition of *The Standard Guide to the Lincoln Cent.* Proof sets from the US Mint were priced singly at 15c over face for each coin or the whole set of five coins for $1.81. That included postage and insurance (4.5c). Modern proof sets range from $11 for five coins (face value 91c) to much higher for deluxe sets and sets with silver coins (since 1990).

Back then it was perfectly ok to clean coins—even possibly BU coins. Cleaning ruined many coins, —using an eraser on a cent will truly ruin the coin, but for a time it may look shinier. Today, cleaning is strictly a no-no.

Back then, collectors did not put away BU rolls—with rare exception of hoarders like the late Charles Ruby or Robert Friedberg. From the mid 1960'' BU roll collecting was the rage. It has since calmed down as collectors want only the best coins from such rolls—not the whole roll.

Back then, the scarcer coins could be bought from fixed price lists from Star Rare Coin Review (B Max Mehl's list) or other catalogues often advertised in comic books. Today the scarcer coins are found at coin auctions, coin shows, and the larger dealer's shops.

Back then there were very few coin clubs (two in California before 1940), very few coin shops, very few coin shows, and very few coin auctions. Today, there are many coin clubs (though many less than the heydays of the 1960s and 1970s), more coin dealers, more coin shows (though fewer than the 1970s) and more coin auctions and mail bid sales.

Back then there were no coin newspapers and only one magazine, *The Numismatic Scrapbook.* Today there are many publications, two weeklies, and dozens of speciality organization newsletters and journals.

Back then there were no grading services. That concept was born at the 1975 ANA convention in Los Angeles and now has grown to include several services and millions of coins. PCGS alone has graded over 6 million so far.

Back then, coin collecting was more of a kids activity---many schools even had coin clubs—I was sponsor of the Jefferson High School Coin Club (1955-1960). Today it is much more an adult activity—as noted by the absence of young people at most coin clubs and at conventions.

Back then, collecting was more for fun—the challenge of finding another "keeper". Today it is more profit—finding a coin that tripled in value in a short period of time.

Back then no reference books other than auction catalogues or esoteric numismatic treatises on ancient or medieval coins. The concept of American speciality books is a relatively new phenomenon with no less than a dozen books alone in the past two decades on the Lincoln cent and Morgan dollar. This author published the first book on Lincoln cents in 1982—today the total number of Lincoln cent books is about a dozen, not counting the three subsequent editions of *The Standard Guide to the Lincoln Cent.*

Back then cherrypicking was not a serious pursuit except for the few diehard early copper collectors, bust type collectors and colonial coin collectors. Today, cherrypicking is a serious pursuit for thousands of collectors ranging from RPM hunters of Lincoln Cents to the VAM fanatics in the Morgan dollar series. Aside from the *Cherrypickers Guide*, there are numerous guides to mint varities which guide collectors through dealer's stock books, auction catalogues, and private collections.

To those who were able to participate in both eras, the changes were more of a challenge to get used to---but there were some real pluses—coins culled from change fifty years ago (such as the many 1932D quarters, 1939D nickels and 1921 half dollars) are worth hundreds of dollars (collectively) today as compared to their face value of only a few dollars. And the thrill of finding each of those scarce Barber dimes, quarters and halves is just never to be forgotten.

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YOUTH CORNER Continued from page 15:

SUGGESTION FOR LOCAL COIN CLUBS

Have a member, preferably someone enthused with the hobby and with some time, visit a local elementary, junior high or middle school. Talk with the principal (which should always be done first) and offer the popular and inexpensive ANA Quarter Boards (or other albums) free to whatever teacher or class might enjoy them. In the elementary and middle school level these could be used as an assignment. For example, find Pennsylvania's State Quarter and describe its reverse: why is a 'keystone' portrayed? Where is the statue located? Or, for Delaware, what famous painting is shown? What important Revolutionary War battle is this painting concerned with?

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	Very Fine	2.50
1914 D	Good	2.00
	Very Good	2.25
	Fine	3.00
1915	Very Good-Fine	.10
	Brilliant Proof	7.50
1915 S	Good-Very Good	.20
1915 D	Good-Very Good	.10
	Very Fine-Ex. Fine	.50
	Brilliant Unc.	2.00
1916	Very Good-Fine	.05
	Very Fine-Ex. Fine	.15
	Brilliant Unc.	.50
1916 S	Good-Very Good	.10
	Very Fine-Ex. Fine	.85
1916 D	Good-Very Good	.05
	Very Fine-Ex. Fine	.50
1917	Very Good-Fine	.05
	Very Fine-Ex. Fine	.15
	Red Uncirculated	.50
	Brilliant Unc.	.65
1917 S	Good-Very Good	.10
1917 D	Good-Very Good	.05
	Very Fine-Ex. Fine	.65

A Letter to the Editor:

I remember how it felt in the late 50's putting together, out of circulation, almost a complete set of cents, nickels and dimes. Wouldn't you like to give this warm fuzzy feeling to someone else? This is a golden opportunity to do it again in the 21st century. The State Quarter's provide such a unique opportunity to revitalize the hobby of numismatics and generate an interest in coin collecting. Although CSNA members will not be able to get California state quarters foe a few more years, there is still a substantial interest in other states quarters.

I personally have purchased three cases and given them out to "tire-kickers" kids at coin shows, senior citizens, civic groups and bank employees. I believe they are a means of giving back to your hobby.

Please encourage your local club to consider purchasing at least one case of these boards. Your club can use them at your local coin show, national coin week or whatever to promote your hobby.

The ANA has joined the ANS, PNG and the US Mint in an effort to provide these free quarter boards to the end user, the new collector. Each board holds 20 quarters struck at both mints. The 1999-2000 boards with the 2001-2002 boards available in the near future. Each case holds 135 boards. Please contact Mr Rudy Bahr of ANA direct at (800) 367-9723 or e-mail anaemt@money.org for the cost of a case. New collectors will thank you! /S/ Gary E Lewis, ANA Governor, Cape Coral, Florida

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THE NAVAJO CENTENNIAL MEDAL

By Virginia Hall, Editor Emeritus

Over a century ago the Navajo Tribe of Indians signed a treaty of peace with the U S Governnment. This act culminated four years of warfare, deprivation, hardship and resulted in Federal recognition of the sovereignty of the Navajo Tribe. The treaty was signed at Fort Sumner, New Mexico, June 1, 1868. It was approved and confirmed by the Senate on July 25, and proclaimed by President Andrew Johnson on August 12.

In addition to various festivities, pageants and other activities being put on by the Navajo Tribe, a centennial medal was issued in 1968.

This Navajo Centennial medal bears on its face a Navajo woman engrossed in her traditional occupation of rug weaving. In the background are pictured a primitive hogan and the beautiful landscape of Monument Valley. The reverse shows symbols indicative of the "Century of Progress" of the Navajos. The symbols shown, surround the Horned Sun, a religious figure and a great unifying factor in the lives of the Navajo people today as well as a hundred-plus years ago.

The medal was available in bronze and .999 fine silver. A brochure was included with each medal. Profits from the sale of these medals were used for service and welfare projects conducted for needy Navajo families

OLD TIMER ASSAY COMMISSIONERS SOCIETY (OTACS)

On Wednesday, August 9, 2000, twenty-four former Assay Commissioners (and their guests) gathered at the US Mint, in Philadelphia to reminisce on their duties when they were appointed to serve on the Assay Commission in years past.

It was a total group of 42 who enjoyed a guided trip on the floor of the US Mint, and a special visit to converse with the engravers who are responsible for the coins that we enjoy today.

As in the past, the new Chief Assayer is named, along with the Chief Counter and Chief Weigher. Current Chief Assayer, Riva Kline, appointed David L Ganz to succeed her as Chief Assayer for the next term, with James Miller named as Chief Counter and Henry Spangenberger as Chief Weigher.

Those attending were presented with a special elongated Sacagawea Dollar which had been struck by Ray Dillard of TEC, depicting a return visit to the U S Mint and it is to be a prized piece as the quantity struck was small.

NORTH OF THE TEHACHAPIS

By Stan Turrini
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Greetings! Please accept my regards for the New Year to each and every one of you! Least I forget, let me express my warmest and best wishes to Harold Katzman, who has covered the 'southern part' of the State these past years. Best Wishes Harold!

Local Northern Clubs: Keep mailing those newsletter, bulletins and press releases!

The FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB writes that it had a successful Coin Show last September. ANA officials present were President H Robert Campbell, Governor Kay Lenker and Regional Coordinator, Dr Walter A Ostromecki, Jr. The exhibit winners were: Dr Rodney Baker, The Campbell Award, for his 'Centennial Olympic Coins' and Stan Turrini, The President's Award for his'Currency Goes to War'. In October, 2000, Syd Kass from Stockton spoke on 'The Wandering Third Print'; a review of the third printing errors that happen in printing our currency. His talk was highlighted with actual samples, but no free samples!

SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB reversed itself and did decide to do a silver round this year, although it will not be delivered until next year. The Club is honoring the California Statehood Sesquincentennial, 1850-2000, with a silver round designed by Dennis Lotspeich, Ranco Palos Verdes. The medal design uses the California State Capitol Building as its subject. A new revised listing of this Club's silver round issues has been prepared. Request a copy by emailing 'stanyrbk@vusd.solanocoe.K12.ca.us'.

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY has heard two great programs as it ends year 2000. In September, DNS President Stan Turrini spoke on 'Enhancing Your Numismatic Enjoyment', placing emphasis on the importance of keeping a filing system, saving coin club bulletins, and collecting memorabilia from the Clubs you belong to. Vice-President Mike Fiore initiated the Society's first annual 'October Paper Money Fest' with a massive and mighty review of US Currency derived from his extensive collection and the Library. Mike's theme was a library and references first and build a collection of everything. He advocated joining the Society of Paper Money Collectors (SPMC) and to correspond and to coordinate with other 'rag-pickers'. As part of his program, a special limited-edition Diablo Dollar Note was issued. DNS is sad to report its former Secretary and Editor Stewart Huckaby has relocated to Dallas, Texas with his new career. Best Wishes, Stewart, in the Lone Star State.

SOUTH OF THE TEHACHAPIS

By Harold Katzman,
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The City of Santa Monica turned 125 in September and the BAY CITIES COIN CLUB celebrated this event with a program dedicated to this occasion . Members shared numismatic and other items regarding this anniversary event. In October, Max Wedertz enlightened the club with his program on "Fractional Currency".

In September, the COVINA COIN CLUB heard Ralph Marx speak (not sing) on "Musical Notes". His talk presented notes from around the world that featured composers, songs etc on them. When asked to sing, he politely declined. Dr Walter Ostromecki entertained the club in October with a "State Quarter Trivia Program".

Albertus Hoogeveen spoke to the DOWNEY NUMISMATISTS in September on "Sacagawea and the Golden Dollar". He talked about the history of Sacagawea, her role in America's history and how she was selected to appear on the dollar. In October, Al gave another program titled "Tour of the Utrecht Mint". He has visited the mint, located in the Netherlands, several times and gave an insiders view.

A mini-Super Auction was held at the FONTANA UNITED NUMISMATIST September meeting. There were many interesting items up for sale. The Club is searching for members to fill the following openings: Vice-President, Recording Secretary and several Director posts.

The GLENDALE COIN CLUB held a very successful fund raiser in September. It was a "White Elephant" (or was it a pink?) Sale. Paid membership in the club has ranged from a low of 59 to a high of 70. Not bad! Keep it up!

The October meeting of the HEARTLAND COIN CLUB had not one but two sets of refreshments! It seems that two different members were asked to bring refreshments, hence everyone got filled with goodies. Member Show & Tell included Paul Olson sharing some silver dollars from his Marine Corps days and Christine O'Lague reporting on the New Hampshire and South Carolina Quarters. The club's newest member is Bob Fritsch, of Nashua, New Hampshire. Bob served on the committee that chose the design for the New Hampshire Quarter.

"The Medal Maker", the story of Laura Gardin Fraser, was the program before the SANTA ANA COIN CLUB in September. "Ancient & Medieval Coinage was Gerry Kleeb's program in October.

CUPERTINO COIN CLUB joined its neighbor, the SAN JOSE COIN CLUB for their annual Club Picnic last August. Some 45 members and guests attended. Food was plentiful highlighted by Ann Peavey's 'Baked Bean Medley' and Rose Tyson's 'home grown tomatoes'. CCC Septembers meeting featured the winner of the clubs medal design:George Andrey, plus the winners in the long delayed Youth Currency Design Contest: Spencer Morgan, Alex Chien and Natalie Tyson. SJCC heard its Treasurer Larry Benson speak on 'How to Grade Coins'. To show the vast differences in wear, Larry brought a roll of dimes in AG condition and compared it to a roll of uncirculated ones. The size difference showed just how much of a dime's mass can be worn off. The SJCC also celebrated 'Other Hobbies Night' with Larry Benson, Peter Flores, Gary Acquistapace, Ed Sins, Don Barsi, Ryan Johnson & Britta Elhers participating.

The SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB reported that Rose Hungtington, age 89, passed away early September, 2000. For decades she was among the most active booster of the SFCC. At the time of her death, she was residing in Florida. The club bulletin "Two Cents Worth" reported no other details. The same issue acknowledged those who have made cash or coin contributions to the Club and extended thanks to Ken Takahashi, Stuart Denton, Mel Krinsky, Vic Rollo, Sydney Pearlman, Gordon Donnell, Michael Perekrestenko and Michael S Turrini. The SFCC honored its 40th Anniversary on October 24, 2000 with a small gathering and social at the regular meeting .

LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB published a special appreciation in the LVCC's October Newsletter: "A special thanks to member Tom Schroeder for bringing monthly snacks to all the meetings for the last year. My (Editor) waist line would like to thank you also".

STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB has new officers: Terry Woodward (President); Mike Tandy (Vice-President); Gary Stagno (Recording Secretary); Rasha Robinson (Corresponding Secretary); and Hal Deboard (Treasurer). On an August Sunday the SCCC held its annual picnic: "There were hot dogs, hamburgers, homemade salads, chili beans and all the trimmings you could think of".

The VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY re-elected its executive officers: Harry Davis (President); Dr Rodney W Baker (Vice-President); Irene Carillo (Secretary) and Stan Turrini (Treasurer). VNS awarded its highest and most esteemed honor, Service Medal #10 to Past President and longtime supporter Joseph R Siros in September.

REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB has important news to report. The Club commemorated its six hundredth meeting November 8, 2000. Lee H Gong, Vice-President and Youth Coordinator for RECC, was named a Krause Publication Numismatic Ambassador last August during the ANA Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Lee also won a First Place in the exhibiting at this convention. Ian Seely, an active Young Numismatist, attended the Summer 2000 ANA Educational Seminar in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Clubs new meeting location was opened with an appropriate ribbon cutting ceremony and speeches, plus lots of good food.

Foreign Coins and Paper Money was the Members Show & Tell Program held by the HEMET NUMISMATISTS in September. The club held their annual Ice Cream Social at their refreshment break. October saw the members conduct a White Elephant Sale. The club has set up an annual award to recognize a member for his/her outstanding contributions to the advancement of the club. It will be named after Helen Trumpower, a founding member . They are also sponsoring a membership drive that will end April 1, 2001. The individual bringing in the most new members will receive a 2 peso gold coin.

"The Early History of Tel Aviv" was the program before the September meeting of the ISRAEL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY/ISRAEL COIN CLUB of Los Angeles. The historic beginning starts during the Ottoman Empire and the program reviewed Tel Aviv's history up to the 20th century. October's meeting was entitled, "Tiberias in Ancient Times" and featured its foundations and coins.

"Funny Money" was to have been the program given to the LITTON COIN CLUB in September by NASC Speakers Bureau Chairman, Sally Marx. But due to a last minute glitch, she was unable to attend and Phil Iversen came up with a last minute program. In October, Sally made amends and gave her program. The club welcomed two new members, Charles Warmoth and Mike Antonson.

Gary Beedon was the speaker at the GREATER ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB in September. His program was titled "Bust Half Dollars 1807-1836". Gary, who is a Bust Half Nut Club member, has updated his program with information about the latest varieties and types. In October, Mark Baskin spoke on "Basics of Fractional Currency". In November, Claus Rusch presented an all new program on "German & Austrian Notgeld", the unofficial emergency money issued following the collapse of the German Mark after WWI.

There was another white elephant roaming around Southern California when the LONG BEACH COIN CLUB held a sale in September. Dr Sol Taylor, an authority on the Lincoln Cent spoke in October. His topic was "Cherry Picking the Lincoln Cent". He has written and updated his book on the Lincoln Cent. In November the Club held a "Bourse Night".

In September, the REDLANDS COIN CLUB saw the video "Money:History in Your Hands". In October they viewed "Coins: Genuine, Counterfeit and Altered". "The Carson City Mint" was the program in November. This branch mint produced coins from 1870-1893 with several of the rarest and most valuable coins in existence being minted there.

The SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB heard an "Introduction to E-Bay". Mark C Mullins focused on some basic concepts, techniques and tools available for using E-Bay. October was "Super-Auction" month. Highlights included a 1/10th ounce Canadian Maple Leaf (1990) and an MS64 1952D Franklin Half. In November, Ken Crum discussed Fractional & Confederate Currency, Gold Certificates and National Bank Notes as well as Hawaii/North Africa Currency. Ken also exhibited various types of US Currency.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB has a WebSite: 'members.aol.com/svccclub'. As this issue is being prepared, the SVCC is having problems nominating a President. Larry Bryant, for the Nominating Committee, said it best "This is your Club and it can only be a good as what you put into it. If it continues in the direction it is now going, we will lose our coin shows and ultimately our Club. We don't want that, do we?" That message would apply to the members of any local coin club. What would be your answer?

Vice President, Dennis Nuedek of the FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY published a short article in their October Newsletter. "This brings me to the point of this article, our Club's October 2000 Coin Show. Among the five hundred or so visitors who will walk through the doors of the show will be quite a few budding numismatists who are eager for our knowledge and experience. Some will have had their interest piqued by the United States Mint Fifty State Quarter Dollar Program. Others may have gotten a few old coins from relatives or a friend, or some may just be curious. No matter what brought them to our show, once they come through our doors, they are our responsibility. That's right! We have a duty to them arising out of the unspoken expectations of our own Mentors past. The great majority of collectors do not belong to a local coin club. That puts our Club Members at the cutting edge of our hobby and its survival. Do you realize that the members of our Club, combined, have more than a thousand years of collecting experience! What a great reservoir of knowledge".

The PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY recently hear member David Evans speak on "ANA Memories, Memmorabila and Awards". David gave detailed descriptions of some of h8is adventures and provided enough display material of souvenirs to thoroughly cover an entire table. Al Beck (from The Coin Lode in Lodi) spoke on "Topical is Topical". PCNS may be contacted at its Website:'www.pcns.org' and emailed to pcns@mypad.com. Conventional mail can be sent to PO Box 194271, San Francisco, CA 94119-4271.

GATEWAY COIN CLUB OF MERCED COUNTY held its annual club medal design contest in October. Marilyn Buckingham's winning design featured The Fancher Monument which will be depicted on the 2001 medal. What is this monument? It is a sixty-eight (68) foot high granite spire erected in honor of George Hicks Fancher, a prominent Merced County farmer and businessman, who died at the age of 72 in 1900. His will sytipulated construction of this monument, and his estate could afford it, on a one acre site at the southeast corner of Arboleda Drive and Highway 140 several miles east of Merced. It is generally believed to be the biggest tomb in California.

VISALIA COIN CLUB's young Vice-President Cameron Kiefer is a most dedicated Youth Numismatist and booster. I have been corresponding with him and Cameron will be going places, big time in our hobby. The Editor for the monhly VCC newsletter is well-known California and CSNA Vice-President, Ruth Phillips. She recently said "whenever I go to a coin show, I always buy drawing (raffle) tickets because I know that most local clubs rely on that income". And, recently, for her support, she won a Saint Gaudens Twenty Dollar Double Eagle.

The September meeting of the SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY heard Larry Baber give a program on his collection of Philadelphia's former "Spring Garden Institute Medals". This institute was founded in 1851 as a "young men's gathering place" and developed into allied schools of art, mechanics and electronics. Larry was named a Glenn Smedly Memorial Award Winner at this summers ANA Convention. In November, Jim Hunt spoke on "Coins, Coinage and Bullion, A Book Review"

The SANTA BARBARA COIN CLUB recently saw a video produced by the U S Mint. The video told the complete story of minting operations, from producing dies & planchets to the final products. The Club also held a Red Book Quiz and a Show & Tell Night this fall.

"Money:History in Your Hands: was the program presented to the members of the VERDUGO HILLS COIN CLUB in September. In October, Michael Aron spoke on "Modern U S Coins . . . Buy, Sell or Hold?" Michael has been in the coin business for over two decades and has been conducting coin auctions since 1982. He recently held his 100th auction. In November, Dr Walter Ostromecki gave his program on "State Quarter Trivia".

Thelma Katzman presented a slide program on the "California Missions" to the UPLAND COIN CLUB in September. "What You Didn't Know About the $1.00 Bill" was the program given by Dr Tom Fitzgerald at the October meeting. The Club voted to start their meetings earlier, 7PM, so that they could be out before 10PM.

The WHITTIER COIN CLUB celebrated its 41st Birthday with a dinner meeting held at the Sizzler Restaurant in La Mirada. Over 20 members and guests showed up for the party. Jim Kawkowski won the 2 peso Gold drawing. Special thanks to Bill Panner of Fullerton Coins for donating the silver coins in the door prize drawing. October saw the club view the slide program titled "Confederate States Currency". The program reviewed the principal types of CSA notes issued between 1861-1865.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

GRACE CORNEL (Covina Coin Club) broke her arm which is mending in a cast. Also DEL BECK is recovering from surgery and CCC Treasurer GENE CALVERT is recuperating after the addition of a pacemaker.

ROY PHARES & CLYDE DARBY, Hemet Numismatists, have been under the weather.

DOROTHY ANDERSON & CALETTA GILREATH, long time Downey Numismatists are in ill health and not doing well.

The following Club Members have passed away:

RAY STARKEY	Covina Coin Club	September 8, 2000
FRANK CALSMER	Heartland Coin Club	October 3, 2000
DAVID LARSEN	Hemet Numismatists	(no date given)
VIRGIL RUDE	Greater Orange County Coin Club	(no date)
JOHN BERGMAN	Long Beach Coin Club	Services October 23, 2000

Few northern California coin hobbyists have contributed and served our grand hobby as much and as long as Fred G van den Haak of The PENINSULA COIN CLUB. Fred has held many positions including Editor and served has a longtime Treasurer. There are others, yet for the PCC and the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA), Fred has been one of the stalwarts. On September 23, 2000, H Robert Campbell, current President of the ANA, honored Fred with the ANA's Presidents Award. A rightly deserved and justly earned recognition. Congratulations, Fred! David Evans and Stan Turrini spoke to the PCC on 'Enhancing Your Numismatic Enjoyment'. The PCC "very much applaud and appreciate their efforts to promote our hobby and remind us of the simple pleasures and educational value associated with coin collecting". The PCC also acknowledged those members who made cash or kind donations toward the Club: Jim Southward, Fred G van den Haak, John Brown and Bruce Greenblatt.

The DELTA COIN CLUB (STOCKTON) is proud to report that three of its members were honored by the numismatic fraternity these past months. First, Life Member and frequent speaker, Mike Stanley, was made a Krause Publication Numismatic Ambassador last July 29, 2000. Second, on September 23, 2000, Dr Walter A Ostromecki, Jr bestowed the 'National Coordinator's Award for Numismatic Excellence on Stewart Huckaby and William Horning. The DCC is also proud of Junior Member Collen Maloy, daughter of President Kevin V Maloy. Collen designed the Club's 2000 Medal and the Maloy Family was represented 100% as she received her seven piece Club Medal Set as her reward. The DCC announces that ANA Vice-President, and Past Governor, John and Nancy Wilson will be honored guests at their Annual Dinner, January 12, 2001, to be held in the Eagles Hall, Stockton.

The LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY has only ONE big item of news and the item is now history. On October 3, 2000, LNS held its famous annual Book Auction. "Guest Steve Huston reprised his role as Auctioneer for the fabulous October auction and he did a bang-up job of selling the vast array of donated books, catalogs and periodicals. Notable donors included Don Barsi, Chris's Jewelry, David Cieniewicz, David Evans, David Fouke, Mark Gealy, Dr Paul Holtzman, Stephen Huston, Vince Lacariere, David Lange, Elizabeth Lytle, Larry V Reppeteau, Joe Wargo and Howard Wheeler. The volunteer efforts of David Evans, Gordon Donnell, Gene Hoy, Stephen Huston and Jim Rosen in preparing for and conducting the Auction are especially acknowledged. Winning bidders included Ken Barr, David Evans, Howard Wheeler, Nevio Andreatta, Don Barsi, Ron Baughman, Kirby Brown, Chuck Call, Mark W Clark, Gordon Donnell, Gene Hoy, Ron Johnson, Mel Krinsky, Al Lo, George Proctor, Larry Reppeteau, Vic Rollo, Jim Rosen, Chris Thompson and Stephen Wong." What did these fine Coin Hobbyists ear for the LNS, a recors $1084.95! Could not anyone donate the five cent nickel and make it an even $1085.00. Great job LNS!

FROM THE TIME CAPSULE: Winter, 1961 (40 Years Ago)

Charles M Johnson, Assistant Editor of Calcoin News
was in the process of gathering back issues of the CSNA Quarterly Magazine to be bound and given to the ANA Library.

FINAL WORDS

As you may have read, this will be my final Club Report. Over the last several years I have worked with three editors and have shared the Club Report with three Assistant Editors from the North.

During this time I've seen many Clubs close down. Gone are: Orange County Coin Club, Fountain Valley Coin Club, Garden Grove Coin Club (the three have merged into the Greater Orange County Coin Club); Collectors of the Realm; SIN; COIN; and the two Israel Coin Clubs in the LA Area that merged into one, to name but a few. It's a sad day seeing the slow demise of our clubs.

I have enjoyed writing about Your Club's activities and I hope I have done you Justice. I'm looking forward to new challenges in the future! Thank you for your past support!

Please give your new Assistant Editor, Kay Lenker, your full support. She will do a great job! I will continue to forward your bulletins and newsletters that are addressed to the Assistant Editor of while we make the transition.

Live long and prosper.

/S/ Harold Katzman

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SUMMARY:

Membership on August 10, 2000	566
New Members	8
Membership as of August 8, 2000	574

Total Life Members 128 Total Clubs 47

Word has been received that Ethel Lenhert has fallen and broken her hip. Get Well Wishes are extended to her on behalf of CSNA Members

WHO'S WHO
IN CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATICS

BILL FEBUARY: A Man For All Seasons

Bill was born in Tennessee, but was raised in Huron, South Dakota. He graduated from South Dakota State University in 1959 with a degree in Industrial Arts and a minor in Business Administration.

Bill was employed by Weyerhaeuser in SD as he entered the US Army. He married his college sweetheart, Carol, while in the Service, and they now have 2 children and 3 grandchildren.

His numismatic career began in 1969 when he returned to Huron after being discharged from the service. His boss at Job Service of South Dakota mentioned that he collected coins and Bill told him he had a jar of coins from his grandmother stored in the back of the closet. His boss suggested better ways of storing the coins and proper care and handling of them.

From that early beginning, his interest gained momentum. He joined the local coin club and began attending state and local coin shows, serving as Bourse Chairman of the latter for several years. Bill was elected Secretary/Treasurer of his local coin club and held that position for 5 years until he and his family moved to California.

Bill's coin collecting career became more intense once he settled in California. He joined the Hanford Coin Club and the Visalia Coin Club and served on the Board of Directors and Treasurer of the latter. After moving to Fresno, he joined the Fresno Numismatic Society and soon worked his way through the chairs to the Presidency. By this time, he had joined the American Numismatic Association (1985), the California State Numismatic Association (1989), the California National Currency Collectors (1994) and the Society of Paper Money Collectors (1995).

The glamour of coin collecting dimmed when Bill discovered currency. He now specializes in collecting National Bank Notes as well as Large Size Currency. After retiring from the Private Industry Council, Bill is now actively involved in doing coin and currency appraisals and serves as a board member for several community organizations in Clovis and Fresno.

Bill is one person you can count on to always be there when help is needed. He gives of himself and his knowledge to anyone who asks. I have never known him to do anything but his best for family, club or community! He is serving as General Chairman of the CSNA 108th Convention in Fresno , February, 2001.

(Written by Ruth M Phillips)

EDITORS NOTEPAGE

by TML

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I want to start this column by recognizing and giving thanks to Harold Katzman who has served as the Assistant Editor, South of the Tehachapis. Harold is moving on to other pursuits and we wish him well!

Among the letters that crossed my desk recently was one from Neal Ray Lyles, President of the *Oceanside-Carlsbad Coin Club*. Neal wanted to make the CSNA membership aware of changes to the meeting date, time and location of the club. The Oceanside=Carlsbad Coin Club meets the Second Wednesday of each month at the Elks Club of Oceanside, 444 Country Club Lane in Oceanside. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

Another item of interest is the Solano Silver Round Club issue commemorating the Sesquicentennial of California's Statehood (1850-2000). All orders must be prepaid in advance and postmarked by February 1, 2000. The medal will be struck in .999 fine silver with a mintage equal to the total number of prepaid orders plus two for club archives. They will not be numbered. Price is $20.00 plus $3.00 for mailing. Send orders to Stan Turrini, Medals Coordinator, Solano Silver Round Club, PO Box 4104, Vallejo, CA 94590-0410.

Seems that the gremlins were at work again in the last issue of Calcoin News. The Key Dates page listed erroneous dates for the Fresno gathering in February 2001. My apologies to those folks working so hard to put the convention and show together and to anyone who may have been confused. Please be aware that the Fresno dates are February 17 and 18. And take a look at the publicity and invitation in this issue. I hope to see you in Fresno!

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THE 33rd CSNA SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 17!

The 33rd annual CSNA Educational Symposium and Exhibits will again take place at the Sheraton 4-points Hotel in Fullerton, California. The date for the 2001 event is St Patrick's Day, March 17. The program will include two speakers prior to lunch and two following noon break. The symposium will close with all four speakers appearing together as a panel to field questions from the audience. There is no admission charge and everyone is invited. The no-host luncheon will be a buffet providing a unique opportunity for interested collectors to talk to speakers in an informal way. Frequently, the luncheon conversations are as interesting and informative as the formal presentations. There are always interesting door prizes at the luncheon and this year there just may be a leprechaun giving out special gifts for all luncheon guests.

The Numismatic Association of Southern California will again buy lunch for all "Young Numismatists" who attend. In addition to the luncheon, these younger collectors will be presented with a variety of gifts donated by various collectors and numismatic organizations.

The Director of Education for the CSNA, Dr Thomas F Fitzgerald, announced that the program this time may be one of the most interesting and important events in the history of the symposium. The hobby has changed significantly in the last couple of decades including very expensive coins, the extreme importance of grading and the recovery of coins from the oceans.

FOUR SPEAKERS AND THEIR TOPICS ANNOUNCED

(This is not necessarily the order in which they will appear on the program.)

RICK MONTGOMERY—Mr Montgomery is President of the Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS). They were the founders and remain the dominant grading service in the world. The firm has become active in the marketing of the double eagles recovered from the "Ship of Gold", the SS Central America. Not surprising, there has been much discussion about the preparation of these coins for sale. Were they cleaned or not; what is happening with the grading service, what does the future hold and many more questions?

FROM THE TIME CAPSULE: WINTER, 1971 (30 Years ago):
The Secretary's Report showed 960 CSNA Members

MICHAEL STANLEY---Making his first appearance as a symposium speaker, Mr Stanley comes from Northern California. An avid collector, Michael Stanley is Radioman First Class, USN, Retired. He spent 8 ½ years aboard the USS Enterprise, perhaps better known as the "Big E". His talk will include a number of "sea stories" and he will display several medals depicting a likeness to this aircraft carrier.

H ROBERT CAMPBELL---The President of the American Numismatic Association comes from Salt Lake City, Utah and will be making his second appearance at the CSNA symposium. He has been working, writing and teaching about artificial coin toning and the problems of grading for many years. His talk "Understanding Technical and Market Grading", may be very important to every collector paying premium prices for higher graded coins.

TIM TODD---We could not have an educational symposium on St Patrick's Day without a discussion of some aspect of Irish Coins. Mr Todd will tell us about "Irish Gun Coins". Supporters of the deposed James II of England issued this "emergency money" in Ireland in 1689 and 1690. A most interesting feature of this series is that the coins bear not only the year, but also the month in which they were issued.

In addition to the speakers and presentations, a number of interesting numismatic exhibits will be set up for viewing. And since the date is March 17th, there may just be some other surprises.

The first speaker is scheduled for 10:00AM and the program closes promptly at 4:30PM. The Sheraton 4-Points Hotel is at the juncture of the 91 freeway and Raymond Ave in the city of Fullerton. The address is: 1500 S Raymond Ave. If you would like more information, contact Dr Thomas Fitzgerald at (626) 335-3343.

FROM THE CSNA TIME CAPSULE

Winter, 1981 (20 Years Ago):
Eighty-four new members were reported for the period Aug 6 to Nov 5, 1980.

Winter, 1991 (10 Years Ago):
Among the exhibit winners at the 87th CSNA Convention in San Jose were Al Lo whose "Rulers of Hawaii" won *Best of Show* and Gary Acquistapace's "Nevada Gaming Tokens" took the *Best of Exonumia* award.

-KEY DATES-

CSNA SHOWS & EVENTS

CSNA 108th SEMI-ANNUAL CONVENTION: IN FRESNO
FEBRUARY 17-18, 2001 DOUBLETREE HOTEL
Hosted by THE FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

CSNA 33rd ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM
MARCH 17, 2001 FOUR POINTS HOTEL FULLERTON, CA

MEMBER CLUB SHOWS

JANUARY 19-21, 2001 (Saturday & Sunday) SAN JOSE
SAN JOSE COIN CLUB ANNUAL SHOW Admission $1
Parkside Hall, Between Park Avenue and San Carlos Street Near Market
Bourse: Ray Johnson, P O Box 10416, San Jose, CA 95157

FEBRUARY 11, 2001 (Sunday) SAN JOSE
CUPERTINO COIN CLUB ANNUAL SHOW
10:00AM—5:00PM Napredak Hall
770 Montague Expressway, San Jose, CA
Bourse: Ken Barr, P O Box 32451, San Jose, CA 95152 (408) 272-3247

MARCH 17-18, 2001 (Saturday & Sunday) SANTA ROSA
REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB ANNUAL SHOW Admission $1
E L Finley Bldg, Sonoma County Fairgrounds Under 12 FREE
1350 Bennett Road, Santa Rosa
Bourse: Merle Avila (707) 585-3711

MARCH 18, 2001 (Sunday) SAN BERNARDINO
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB 38th ANNUAL SHOW
COINS AND COLLECTIBLES at the Meadows (Norton AFB—NCO Club)
225 N Del Rosa Ave, San Bernardino
For additional information contact Bill Grant: MESARED@aol.com

MARCH 31---April 1, 2001 (Saturday & Sunday) SACRAMENTO

SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB 17th ANNUAL SPRING SHOW
Convention Center, 1400 J Street, Sacramento
Bourse: David Herr, P O Box 160122, Sacramento, CA 95816 or
phone (530) 885-9050

MAY 6, 2001 (Sunday) VALLEJO

VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY 29th ANNUAL SHOW
Solano County Building, Art Exhibit Room, Solano County Fairgrounds
900 Fairgrounds Drive (at Highway 37 and I 80)
Bourse: Mike Stanley, 2107 Gill Drive, Concord, CA, 94520-2232 Phone (925) 825-0649
Information/Exhibits: P O Box 4281, Vallejo, CA 94590 Phone (510) 526-0538

JUNE 10, 2001 (Sunday) MERCED

GATEWAY COIN CLUB OF MERCED COUNTY 28th COIN EXPO
Merced Community Senior Center at 15th and O Streets, Merced
10:00AM-5:00PM Free Parking Admission $1
Bourse: GCC P O Box 3101, Merced, CA 95344 or contact Joel Anderson at
gatewaycc@joelscoins.com or fax or phone (209) 722-5426

JULY 27-29, 2001 (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)

NorCal Invitational Coin Show (N C N A)

SEPTEMBER 23, 2001 (Sunday) FAIRFIELD

FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB 9:00AM –4:00PM
12th ANNUALCOIN & COLLECTIBLES SHOW Free Admission
Fairfield Community Center, Assembly Room Free Parking
1000 Kentucky, near Pennsylvania, Fairfield
Bourse/Information: (707) 435-8751 or (707) 427-0482

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